Amendments to the Claims:

1-52. (Canceled).

53. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:23.

54. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

a) nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22; and

b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:23.

55. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a portion of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:52, the portion comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:23.

56. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a portion of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:52, the portion comprising:

a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22; and

b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:23.

57. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least ~~70%~~ 85% identical to SEQ ID NO:23, wherein ~~the isolated nucleic acid molecule hybridizes to the portion of SEQ ID NO:52 encoding SEQ ID NO:23 at 57°C in 0.368 M Na^+ and 50% formamide, and wherein~~ the polypeptide is toxic to a nematode.

~~59~~ 58. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the nucleic acid molecule is a nematode nucleic acid molecule.

~~60~~ 59. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the nematode is *C. elegans*.

~~61~~ 60. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the polypeptide is at least 85% identical to SEQ ID NO:23.

~~62~~ 61. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the polypeptide is at least 90% identical to SEQ ID NO:23.

~~63~~ 62. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the polypeptide is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:23.

~~64~~ 63. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 57 wherein the polypeptide is at least 98% identical to SEQ ID NO:23.

~~65~~ 64. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a fragment of a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:23, wherein the fragment is toxic to a nematode.

~~66~~ 65. (Currently amended) A method for producing a polypeptide, comprising:

(a) providing a cell harboring the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 53 or claim 57 operatively linked to expression control elements; and

(b) culturing the cell under conditions in which the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

~~67~~ 66. (Currently amended) A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 53 ~~for~~ or claim 57.

~~68~~ 67. (Currently amended) The recombinant vector of claim ~~67~~ 66 wherein the vector is a plant vector.

~~69~~ 68. (Currently amended) A host cell containing the vector of claim ~~67~~ 66.

~~70~~ 69. (Currently amended) The host cell of claim ~~69~~ 68 wherein the host cell is a plant cell.